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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK AND OPERATING BUDGET OF AATA, MARCH 1986 - FEBRUARY 198

1. The interim secretariat of the Association of African Tax Administrators (AATA) submits, for the consideration by members of the Executive Committee, a draft programme of work and operating budget of the Association for the biennium March 1986 to February 1988.

Part I - Draft Programme of Work

2. The programme of work for the period March 1986 - February 1988 is proposed to deal with:

(i) Membership Drive and collection of arrears missions to be undertaken in 1987.

(ii) The Fourth General Assembly and Fifth Executive Committee Meetings to be held in 1988.

(i) Membership Drive Missions

The membership drive and collection of arrears missions are proposed so that those African countries which have not yet joined the Association should be contacted by the Chairmen of the subregional committees to have these non-member States join the Association. The more principal objective of the missions will, however, be aimed at trying to collect arrears of contributions from those AATA member States which have outstanding arrears dating from the period March 1980 to Febraury 1982. It should be mentioned here that only the collection of these arrears will facilitate the early establishment of AATA secretariat which the Association at the moment needs. But funding of these missions should be made from payment of contributions to the March 1986 - February 1988 budget and not from funds already collected.

(ii) The Fourth General Assembly and Fifth Executive Committee Meetings

3. It is proposed to hold the Fourth General Assembly and Fifth Executive Committee Meetings jointly in 1988 to effect savings on expenses relating to interpreters and translators. Taking into consideration the present meagre resources of the Association, the usual technical conferences which have hitherto been organized in the year prior to the General Assembly Meeting, it is suggested that such conferences be suspended for the time being but taxation workshops be organized during future General Assembly Meetings. For the Taxation Workshop to be organized during the General Assembly Meeting to be held in 1988, members are requested to propose topics.

(iii) Establishment of AATA secretariat

In order to build up a reserve fund for the establishment of AATA secretariat as was recommended by the Second General Assembly Meeting, it is recommended that any surplus revenue realized in any biennium should be set aside for the eventual establishment of AATA secretariat.

(iv) Representation

In the past years, the interim secretariat received any number of invitations for AATA to be represented at various meetings and conferences. Because of lack of provision in the previous budget estimates for such representations, it was not possible to accept the invitations. The item, representation of AATA at meetings or conferences etc. in the proposed budget estimates is, therefore, meant to defray the expenses of representation of AATA at meetings or conferences by the interim Secretariat or of a representative of a member State which may be asked by the interim secretariat to represent AATA at meetings or conferences.

Part II - Biennial Budget Proposals

For the programme of activities proposed in Part I of this paper, the budget estimates in Annex I are recommended.

The revenue estimates which will finance the proposed budget estimates are contained in doucment E/ECA/PAMM/BUD/85/10 "Proposed member States' contribution to AATA biennial budget March 1986 to February 1988."

ANNEX I

Budget Estimates

	1986	1987	1988	Total
1. Membership drive missions	--	30,000	---	33,000
2. Fourth General Assembly and Fifth Executive Committee Meetings	---	----	35,000	35,000
3. Representation of AATA at meetings or conferences etc.	5,000	4,000	---	9,000
4. Miscellaneous	4,000	3,000	1,000	10,000
	9,000	42,000	36,000	87,000